



Applicant: Sarah E. ZELLER et al.

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SYSTEM INCORPORATING
SAME

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In accordance to 37 C.F.R. § 1.560(b), submitted herewith is a record of the substance of the interview on December 08, 2005, between Examiner Culler Jill E., regarding the above-captioned application. This statement is being submitted within one (1) month of the mailing date of December 13, 2005, of the Interview Summary and is therefore a timely response.

EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On December 8, 2005, telephonic interview was held between Examiner Culler and Applicants' attorney, Todd A. Rathe. The rejection of Claims 23-24 and 34 were discussed.

It was agreed upon that Examiner's Amendments would be made to Claims 23 and 24 to add the limitation "an actuator configured to selectively engage and disengage the compartments" and to further recite that the motor is in communication with said actuator. It was also agreed upon that such amendments to Claims 23 and 24 would overcome the outstanding rejection of Claims 23 and 24 based upon George (US 4,398,712) and Fujikura et al. (US 6,041,214) as set forth in the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2005, placing Claims 23 and 24 in condition for allowance.

It was also agreed upon that the Examiner would cancel previously-objected-to Claim 35 and incorporate its limitations into Claim 34, placing Claim 34 in condition for allowance.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Culler for the opportunity to discuss the rejections, for Examiner Culler's suggestions for amending the claims to overcome the prior art of record and for Examiner Culler's willingness to amend the claims per an Examiner's Amendment to facilitate prosecution of the present matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Dec. 13, 2005

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